

campus of the district with a student enrollment greater than 10,000 is located shall appoint two members to serve on the district's board of trustees. If an advisory committee for a branch campus has been previously established, the members must be selected from the membership of the advisory committee.

(b) Members of the board of trustees appointed under this section serve two-year terms and may be appointed to serve successive terms. The commissioners court shall appoint initial members to serve a term beginning December 1, 2015.

(c) Members of the board of trustees appointed under this section may participate in the decision-making of the board to the same extent as any other member of the board except that members of the board appointed under this section by the commissioners court of a county that is not located in the Blinn Junior College District:

(1) may participate in the decision-making of the board only in matters not related to the imposition of a tax or the distribution of revenue raised from a tax;

(2) are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum of the board is present only for the purpose of Subdivision (1); and

(3) may not serve as an officer of the board of trustees.

(d) Unless this section is continued in effect by the legislature, this section expires on December 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. The commissioners court of each county to which Section 130.0827, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies shall appoint the initial members of the board of trustees of the Blinn Junior College District under that section not later than December 31, 2015.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 138, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2621 on May 27, 2015: Yeas 134, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2015: Yeas 25, Nays 5.

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**OPTIONAL PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT
BY THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR THE MOVEMENT OF
OVERSIZE OR OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES CARRYING CARGO
IN WEBB COUNTY; AUTHORIZING A FEE**

CHAPTER 870

H.B. No. 2861

AN ACT

relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Laredo for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Webb County; authorizing a fee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 623, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter T to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER T. WEBB COUNTY PERMITS

Sec. 623.381. OPTIONAL PROCEDURE. This subchapter provides an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by the City of Laredo for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roadways located in Webb County.

Sec. 623.382. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS. (a) The commission may authorize the City of Laredo to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Webb County on the following roadways:

(1) Farm-to-Market Road 1472 between its intersection with State Highway Loop 20 and the northernmost of its intersections with World Trade Center Loop;

(2) Farm-to-Market Road 1472 between the northernmost of its intersections with World Trade Center Loop and its intersection with Hachar Loop, if the Hachar Loop project in Webb County is constructed;

(3) Hachar Loop between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 1472 and its intersection with Interstate Highway 35, if the Hachar Loop project in Webb County is constructed; and

(4) Beltway Parkway between its intersection with Hachar Loop and its intersection with Interstate Highway 35, if the Hachar Loop project in Webb County is constructed.

(b) In addition to the roadways described by Subsection (a), the City of Laredo may designate and issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Webb County on roadways under the city's jurisdiction and control.

Sec. 623.383. SURETY BOND. The commission may require the City of Laredo to execute, at its own expense, a surety bond payable to the Texas Department of Transportation in an amount of not less than \$500,000 for costs of maintenance for the roadways described by Section 623.382(a).

Sec. 623.384. PERMIT FEES. (a) The City of Laredo may collect a fee for permits issued under this subchapter. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the maximum amount of the fee may not exceed \$200 per trip. On September 1 of each year, the city may adjust the maximum fee amount as necessary to reflect the percentage change during the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), U.S. City Average, published monthly by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor in function.

(b) Fees collected under Subsection (a) may be used only for the operation and maintenance of the roadways described by or designated under Section 623.382 and for the City of Laredo's administrative costs, which may not exceed 15 percent of the fees collected.

(c) The distribution of the fees collected under Subsection (a) less the City of Laredo's administrative costs must be distributed between the state and the city based on lane mile calculations between on and off system roadways subject to this subchapter. Lane mile calculations must be adjusted on a biannual basis.

(d) The City of Laredo shall send the state's portion of the fees collected under Subsection (a) to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the state highway fund. Fees deposited in the state highway fund under this section are exempt from the application of Section 403.095, Government Code.

Sec. 623.385. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A permit issued under this subchapter must include:

(1) the name of the applicant;

(2) the date of issuance;

(3) the signature of the designated agent for the City of Laredo;

(4) a statement of the kind of cargo being transported, the maximum weight and dimensions of the equipment, and the kind and weight of each commodity to be transported;

(5) a statement:

(A) that the gross weight of the vehicle for which a permit is issued may not exceed 125,000 pounds; and

(B) of any other condition on which the permit is issued;

(6) a statement that the cargo may be transported in Webb County only over the roadways described by or designated under Section 623.382;

(7) a statement that the permit does not authorize the transportation of the cargo on an interstate highway; and

(8) the location where the cargo was loaded.

(b) The City of Laredo shall report to the department all permits issued under this subchapter.

Sec. 623.386. *TIME OF MOVEMENT.* A permit issued under this subchapter must specify the time during which movement authorized by the permit is allowed.

Sec. 623.387. *SPEED LIMIT.* Movement authorized by a permit issued under this subchapter may not exceed the posted speed limit or 55 miles per hour, whichever is less. A violation of this provision constitutes a moving violation.

Sec. 623.388. *ENFORCEMENT.* The Department of Public Safety has authority to enforce this subchapter.

Sec. 623.389. *PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN.* The Texas Department of Transportation shall create a pavement management plan for the roadways described by Section 623.382(a).

Sec. 623.390. *RULES.* The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

SECTION 2. The City of Laredo may adjust the maximum fee amount as provided by Section 623.384, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, beginning September 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2861 on May 27, 2015: Yeas 138, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES; CREATING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

CHAPTER 871

H.B. No. 3089

AN ACT

relating to fire protection sprinkler systems in certain residential high-rise buildings in certain counties; creating a criminal offense.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 766, Health and Safety Code, is amended by designating Sections 766.001, 766.002, 766.0021, 766.0025, and 766.003 as Subchapter A and adding a subchapter heading to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

SECTION 2. Chapter 766, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows: